

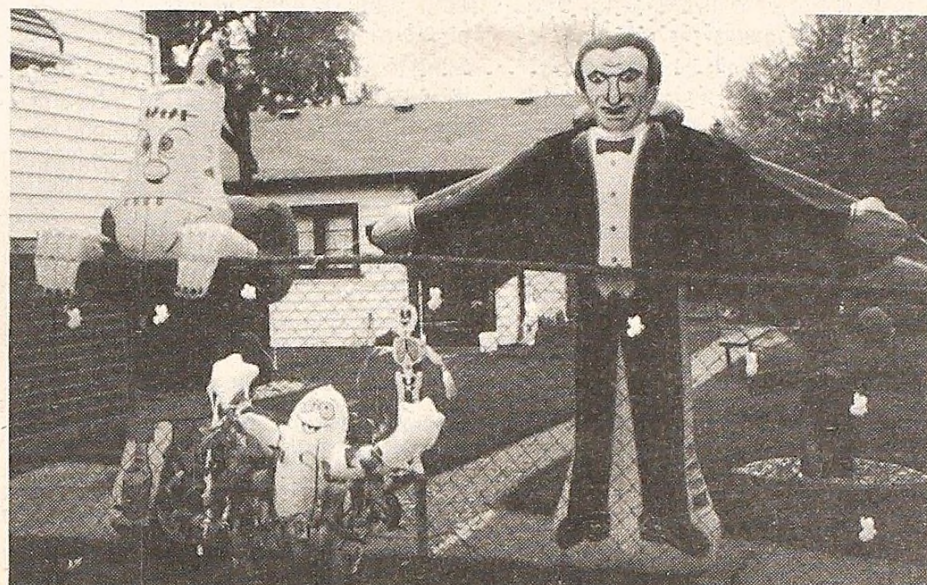
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Devilish Decorations Put a Howl in Halloween



Prize-winning homes in the City of Romulus Beautification Committee's annual SHOCKTOBER! decorating contest were (left) 14739 New York (first place, \$50) and (right) 15616 Harrison (second place, \$25). Committee chairperson Julie Wojtylko reported that a total of approximately 10 entries were received.

Voters Face Loaded Ballot on Tuesday, November 8

Romulus voters will be asked to cast their ballot for a variety of proposals and candidates in the general election slated for Tuesday, November 8.

The four State proposals facing voters are:

- Proposal A, a proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the State Constitution;
- Proposal B, a proposed constitutional amendment which would restrict a criminal defendant who pleads guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) from appealing his/her conviction without the permission of the court;
- Proposal C, an amendment to Michigan's auto insurance laws which would, among other things, reduce auto insurance rates by 16% (average) for six months for policyholders reducing personal injury (medical) insurance to \$1 million, place limits on personal injury (medical) benefits, limit fees paid to health-care providers, and limit the right to sue by setting higher standards for the recovery of damages for "pain and suffering" and prevent uninsured drivers and drivers over 50% at fault from collecting damages; and
- Proposal P, which would establish a Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund, increase the maximum allowable amount of funds in the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund,

and eliminate the diversion of dedicated revenue from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

A single County proposal asks voters to approve a one-mill renewal to provide general operating funds for Wayne County Community College over a period of four years.

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Among the positions to be filled on the partisan portion of the ballot are the following. (Note – Key to code letters in parentheses: D=Democrat, R=Republican, W=Workers World, L=Libertarian, N=Natural Law, P=No Party Affiliation)

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Howard Wolpe/Debbie Stabenow (D)
- John Engler/Connie Binsfeld (R)

Secretary of State
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Richard H. Austin (D)
- Candice S. Miller (R)

State Attorney General
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Frank J. Kelley (D)
- John Smietanka (R)

United States Senator
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Bob Carr (D)
- Spencer Abraham (R)
- William Roundtree (W)
- Jon Coon (L)
- Chris Wege (N)

United States Congressman
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Lynn Nancy Rivers (D)
- John A. Schall (R)
- Craig L. Seymour (L)
- Gail Ann Petrosoff (N)
- Helen Halyard (P)

State Senator
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Charles Travis Griffin (D)
- Loren N. Bennett (R)

State Representative
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Gregory E. Pitoniak (D)
- Joseph D. Slaven (R)

State Board of Education members
(vote for not more than TWO)

- Gumecindo Salas (D)
- Carol C. Thomas (D)
- Clark Durant (R)
- Sharon Wise (R)
- ReBecca Jo Flora (W)
- Erwin J. Haas (L)
- David H. Raaflaub (L)
- Selina Babcock (N)

County Executive
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Edward H. McNamara (D)
- Paul D. McMaster (R)

County Commissioner
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Kenneth A. Warfield (D)
- Bruce Patterson (R)

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Finally, the nonpartisan portion of the November 8 ballot includes a determination of the following judgeships, among others:

Justices of the Supreme Court
(vote for not more than TWO)

- Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.
- Donald E. Shelton
- Elizabeth A. Weaver
(formerly Betty A. Weaver)
- Richard Griffin
- George F. Killeen

Judges of the Circuit Court
(incumbent positions; vote for not more than TEN)

- Sharon Tevis Finch
- John H. Hausner
- Arthur J. Lombard
- Cynthia Diane Stephens
- Michael J. Talbot
- Paul S. Teranes
- Kaye Tertzag
- Deborah A. Thomas
- Carole F. Youngblood
- William Leo Cahalan
- Robert J. Colombo Jr.
- Richard L. Cunningham
- Andrea J. Ferrara

Judge of the Circuit Court
(nonincumbent position; vote for not more than ONE)

- Amy Patricia Hathaway
- John William Callahan

Judges of the 34th District Court
(vote for not more than ONE)

- Felix F. Rogalle
- Tina Brooks Green

For more information or for a sample of the complete ballot, call the Romulus City Clerk's office: 942-7540. □

It's Our Opinion

Last Chance To Avoid Road To Ruin

By Evelyn Atkins and Kristi Stephens

Mayor Beverly McAnally and the Romulus City Council have been given a final opportunity to take a firm grip on the reins of leadership and steer our city away from the road to financial ruin that it has been travelling by refusing to reach a settlement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) concerning the operation of its already constructed injection well.

This last chance to negotiate an agreement that would be satisfactory to both EDS and a majority of our community's residents has become evident during the testimony of various EDS staff members at a Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing which began last week. The hearing – which has afforded EDS its *first* occasion to present the public with a comprehensive, in-depth look at the well project's purpose and scope, as well as a detailed history of the company's relationship with the City over the more-than-four-year course of the project – has also given EDS a chance to express its flexibility on a number of the City's health and safety concerns.

Among the concessions that EDS is willing to agree to are:

- limiting truck/facility access to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays;
- establishing and strictly enforcing a single truck route that avoids school buildings and residential neighborhoods (said route to be I-275 to Eureka Road exit; east on Eureka; north on Wayne Road; west on Northline to the facility);
- limiting the volume of truck traffic to the facility to two trucks per hour;
- limiting the number of operating wells at the facility to one.

EDS also informed the public that its deep well cannot, either now or in the foreseeable future, handle hazardous materials; only nonhazardous waste could be injected into the well as matters stand. That's because, even if the project's investors are willing to spend the multiple millions of dollars and many years necessary to go through the process of trying to obtain a permit for the disposal of hazardous materials and permission to construct a Public Act 64 on-site storage facility, there's still a real question that the Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources would grant the permits, which experts agree are tough to come by.

But if the City is interested in re-establishing a productive relationship with EDS that would allow the two to

work together to the benefit of everyone – as EDS has desired to do all along – it must act *now* before a ZBA ruling takes the reins from its hands forever. Only a court decision can override a ruling made by the ZBA, and if the ZBA fails to render a decision that EDS is willing to accept, you can bet that court – including a trial and all its inherent costs – will be the next step. This is no "threat" to try to force the City into falling into line; it's a simple statement of the consequences that will ensue if a settlement is not reached. Many citizens agree with EDS that a number of factors – including the granting of various permits and the fact that no mention was made of any zoning problems until the well was already completed – clearly demonstrate that the City granted tacit consent to EDS to construct and operate a well at the Northline site. These citizens are both smart enough to realize that EDS is not going to walk away from a multi-million-dollar investment, and moral enough to admit that, regardless of whether they "want" an injection well in their town, EDS shouldn't have to abandon a project begun in good faith.

Why continue this trip on what could well be a "one-way street to Hell"? Reasonable people prefer the path of compromise to threats and ultimatums. EDS doesn't want to obtain its needs and rights by riding roughshod over the community in a drawn-out, *costly* court battle; it wants to work with the City to address residents' concerns and pave a road that's as safe, profitable, and beneficial to our environment as possible.

For this reason, we urge the Mayor and City Council to act quickly to remove this controversy from the domain of the ZBA and return it to a venue that will permit both sides to work out a reasonable compromise based on a desire to do what's best and what's right. □

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Questions City's Failure To Settle Claim

To the Editor:

About a year ago, I was involved in an accident on my way to work. The accident was due to a road flood which caused me to lose control of my vehicle and total it. The City of Romulus' insurance company stated that the pump system in that area failed and that I was not at fault. After several months and multiple conversations and correspondence with the City's insurance company, lawyer, and Mayor McAnally, the City still fails to accept responsibility by reimbursing me for the value of my vehicle. I have two problems with this.

First, the City's insurance company informed me that there are actually two pumps in that system. Both pumps had to fail in order for the road to flood. The City claims that the pump system was checked both days prior to my accident. If true, this means that whatever check-out procedure they use has some obvious flaws if it would allow not only the primary pump to fail, but the secondary pump to fail at the same time. If the check-out procedure will allow this to happen once, it will happen again. It's just a matter of time.

The second problem that I have with this situation is that the City has admitted that the pump system had failed, yet refuses to accept responsibility. What I had asked for was the fair market value of the vehicle minus what I got from the junkyard. They refuse to accept responsibility and reimburse me for my loss. The only choice that the City has left me is to take them to court. If I were to do that, I would have to ask for all expenses incurred (temporary transportation, replacement transportation for the estimated life of the lost vehicle, financial and mental hardship incurred by myself and my family, etc.). I don't want to do this because the extra money I would win could go to better things for the City. I also feel that the courts are for dealing with real criminals. I think that it is really sad when I hear people say that we have a "sue-happy" society — but

now I can see why: It is the "not accepting responsibility" attitude being driven by our governments.

All that I am interested in is reimbursement for the obvious loss of my vehicle. The City has put in writing that the pump system failed, yet refuses to accept responsibility for the simple fact that their check-out procedures are inadequate.

One final question that I have is this: Has anything changed to make sure that the pump system does not fail once again? I do feel lucky, to some extent, that this was a one-vehicle accident that I was able to walk away from. What if my wife and two children had been in the car with me? Or what if I had hit a vehicle that had your loved-ones in it?

Wayne Russell
Howell

Resident Urges ZBA To Approve Zoning

Dear ZBA Members,

I live on Wahrman Road, south of Grant, across the street from the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) deep well. When people first started talking about this project, my wife and I were concerned. My wife said as much to a television reporter who came around last October. Since then, we've talked with the people from EDS and learned more about their project. Neither of us is concerned about the injection well or the plant that these people have planned.

I live and work in Romulus and have seen some real problems with our land and water. I think that companies like this are having a good effect on the environment. As far as zoning is concerned, I don't think that what EDS has planned is a problem. It seems that people are making more out of this than they should. This is an approved operation. The Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency aren't going to walk away, and I don't think that these people are going to do anything stupid after all of this.

If you take a look around our city, you'll see that it's not the new, clean plants that are causing problems with our property values. I think that this could be a good thing, and ask that you approve the zoning and let these people go on about their business.

Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Janie Kennedy
Romulus

Resident Says Don't Give in to "Scare Tactics"

To the Editor:

I hope that the citizens of Romulus can see through all of the propaganda, misrepresentations, and outright lies that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) and its paid supporters are spreading regarding the illegally constructed hazardous injection well. Never before have I seen a company try to litigate and defend their illegal actions in the media. This is a sign that they are desperate.

EDS says that it has done everything legally and has nothing to hide. If that were true, then why didn't they secure the proper and required City permits, as the courts have said that they must? Why haven't they appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission? Why place their Environmental Protection Agency draft permit in the Dearborn Library instead of the Romulus Library? Why publish their public notice in the *Detroit News* instead of the *Romulus Roman*? Why don't all companies offer the City millions of dollars for permission to locate here?

EDS has promised to bankrupt the City if it doesn't get its way. Is that the action of a respectable and good corporate citizen? If the City were to settle with EDS, what happens when they want to build something else in violation of our laws and ordinances? Threaten us with bankruptcy again? What happens when you voice your opinion against EDS? EDS sends its lawyers after you with threats of lawsuits.

EDS tells us how the City is spending thousands of dollars on out-of-town lawyers. Fact is, I don't know of any of EDS' numerous lawyers who live or have an office in Romulus. EDS continues to publish studies that they pay

people to write. They tell us of surveys conducted by an out-of-town company. These studies are all done by people on the EDS payroll.

It is unfortunate that the City has been forced to spend money in court because EDS does not feel that our laws apply to them. But if the City doesn't enforce our building laws with EDS, what happens when the next EDS decides to build an illegal dump next to your house? Should the City just look the other way and say "Well, nobody wants us to spend money to enforce the law?" Do our laws apply only to people who can't afford big-city attorneys who can bankrupt a city? Don't believe the doom and gloom that EDS' propaganda spreads. It is their attempt to feed on your fears and amounts to nothing more than scare tactics by a desperate and unscrupulous company.

Debbie Romak
RECAP spokesperson
Romulus

(Editor's note: The Romulus News regrets that, due to a lack of space, three letters to the editor have had to be withheld from this issue; however, these letters will receive first priority in our next edition, which will be published on November 17, 1994.) □

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Many thanks to Brian Hitsky, director of the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Gayle Mach and Keith Brothers, Department staff members, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column. For more information about these or other Recreation programs, please stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

Softball Tournament Results

Tournament play following completion of the men's adult softball season yielded the following results (note: final records appear in parentheses).

In the Friday League, first place was taken by Taylor AC (10-0); second, DC Hitmen (6-4); third, Getaway Tours (7-3); fourth, Calvary Baptist (4-6); fifth, Express Tool & Die (2-8); and sixth, EDS (1-9).

In the Sunday League, first place was taken by the Landing Strip (9-0); second, Walter's Bar (7-2); third, Bill's Party Store (5-4); fourth, Century 21 (5-4); fifth (tie), McNasty's Bar & Grill (5-4) and D&B Cleaning (4-5); seventh (tie) Reiser's Keyboard Lounge (2-7) and CCX (1-8); and ninth (tie), the Sons of the American Legion (6-3) and the Blackhawks (1-8).

Festival of Lights Tour

Parents are encouraged to join their children for a Festival of Lights tour scheduled for Saturday, November 19. Although the deadline for sign-up is Thursday, November 17, early registration is recommended to avoid being shut out in case the trip fills up before the deadline. An advance, cash payment of \$1 per person is due at registration; a permission slip is required.

"Turkey Day" Free-throw Shoot-out

The third annual Thanksgiving Day free-throw shoot-out will be held at Cory Elementary School on Monday, November 21, at 6 p.m. (preregistration at 5:45 p.m.). For a cost of \$1 per chance (maximum of two chances), participants

in three age divisions (eight to 11, 12 to 15, and 16 through adult) can try to win a turkey by making the most free throws in 10 attempts. Must wear gym shoes.

Adult Drop-in Basketball

Romulus residents (ID required) age 19 and older are invited to participate in an adult drop-in basketball program which will begin November 22. The cost of attending the program, which will be held at Romulus Middle School on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., is just \$2 per person per night. Gym shoes required.

Adult Six-on-six Co-ed Volleyball

If competition is what you seek, sign up for the adult six-on-six co-ed volleyball league, which will feature intermediate-level play on Monday evenings. Entry fee is \$100 per team plus \$7 per team per match for official fees. Register now if interested.

Ceramics

No advance registration is required to attend ceramics classes held at the Recreation Center each Monday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Men and women ages 16 and up, regardless of skill level, are invited to join. Fees are \$1.50 per evening for Romulus residents; \$2 per evening for nonresidents. There is also a firing fee, which is one-half the purchase price of the raw stock.

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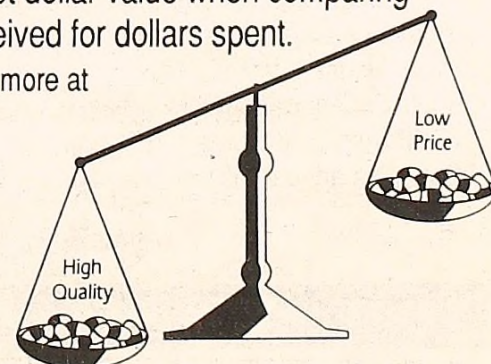
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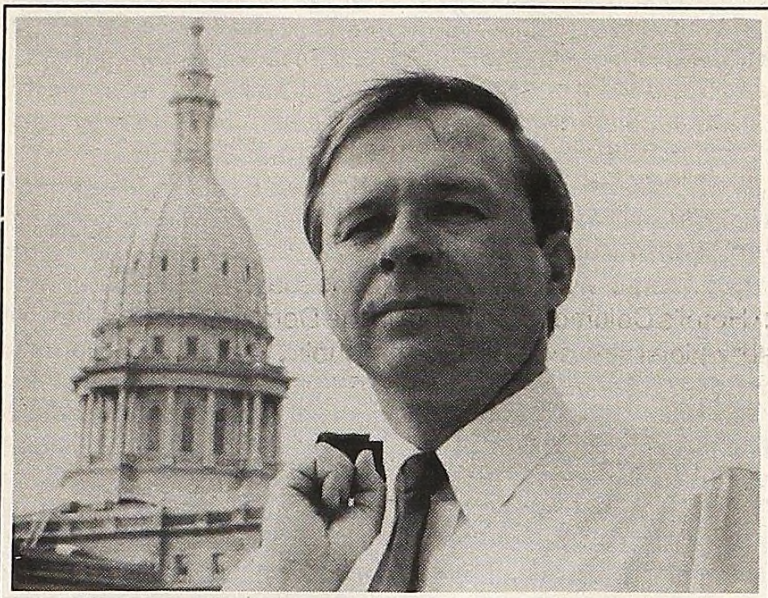
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- Voted "Yes" on Weapons-Free School Zones
- Voted "Yes" to Increase State Police Troopers

On Improving Education

- Voted "Yes" to Increase Funding for Public Schools
- Supports Increased Funding for Classroom Technology
- Supports Local Control of Public Schools
- Supports Consolidation of Small School Districts
- Opposes Public Funding for Private Schools

On Cutting Taxes

- Voted "Yes" on School Property Tax Cut
- Voted "Yes" on Reduced Income Tax for Private Pensions
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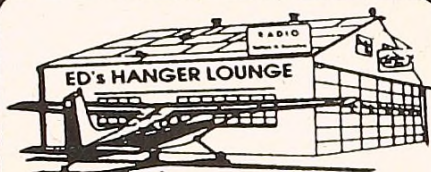
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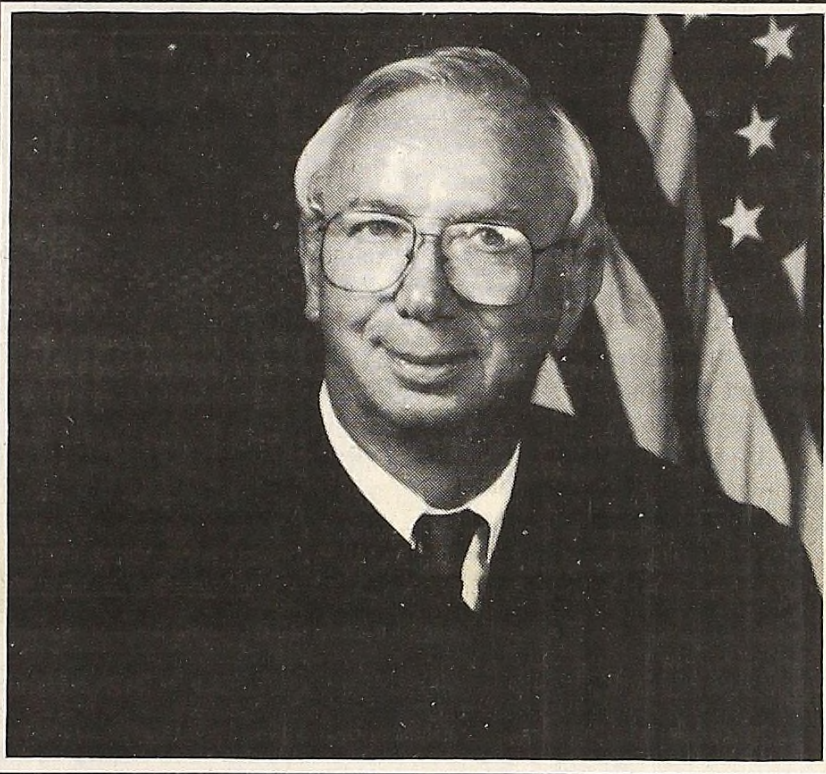
- **Oliver!** - The Huron Civic Theatre will present *Oliver!* on November 4, 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston). For performance times and ticket information, call 782-5380.
- **"Star Wars on the Information Highway"** - Guest speaker Kay Koplovitz - founder, chairman, and CEO of USA Networks, the highest-rated cable network in America - will discuss "Star Wars on the Information Highway" at a noon luncheon meeting sponsored by the Women's Economic Club (WEC) on Wednesday, November 16, in the Westin Hotel's Columbus Ballroom in the Detroit Renaissance Center. Reservations are available to the public for \$25; to WEC members for \$18. For more information, call (313) 963-5088.
- **Child and Adult Care Food Program** - The Toy Box Child Care Center has announced its sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, designed primarily to provide meals to children in child-care centers, outside-school-hours programs, and family day-care homes. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 years of age or under, migrant children 15 years of age or under, and older handicapped children enrolled in Toy Box Child Care Center. In the operation of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. Any person who believes that he/she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. If a child's family income falls below the following guidelines, his/her meals are eligible for free or reduced-price reimbursement: one member (free - \$9,568; reduced - \$13,616), two members (free - \$12,792; reduced - \$18,204), three members (free - \$16,016; reduced - \$22,792), four members (free - \$19,240; reduced - \$27,380). For each additional family member, add \$3,224 for the "free" category and \$4,588 for the "reduced" category.
- **Incest "Courage to Heal" Therapy Group** - A newly formed therapy group for adult women and men who were victims of child abuse meets every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family & Neighborhood Services/Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey Road, Westland). For more information, call Dottie Birrell, social worker, at 326-4262.
- **Women's Self-esteem Group Now Forming** - "Improving Self-esteem," a women's group which will meet for three-hour weekly sessions for a period of 14 weeks, is now forming. Time and location of meetings has yet to be determined. For information, call Ellen Campbell, MSW, at Family & Neighborhood Services (782-9800).
- **Toughlove** - Toughlove International - a support group for parents who are troubled by their children's behavior (drugs/alcohol, violence, gangs, etc.) - meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA (3211 Fort Street, Wyandotte) and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph). For more information, call 782-1568.
- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** - The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 15th Annual "Person of the Year" award. The only criterion for eligibility is that the nominee must have made a significant contribution to the community. Forms can be obtained by calling the Chamber (326-4290); nominations must be received by December 1, 1994.

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Romulus Tower residents got into the "spirit" of things at their annual Halloween party, held October 31. (photo: Irene Holliday)

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors born in November: Mabel Atkinson, Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, Florida Philpot, Norma Thompson, and Helen Zwalesky.

Tax Trainees Sought

The Romulus Senior Center is offering free training in tax preparation (Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property tax forms) to anyone who will volunteer one day per week in the months of February, March, and April, 1995, to prepare free tax returns for senior citizens at the Romulus Senior Center. The five-day course will be held sometime in the first part of January. Volunteers will be reimbursed for expenses; transportation to the Center will be provided. For more information, please contact Barbara Schultz at the Center: 942-6852.

Self-Defense Class

A self-defense class just for seniors is being planned for Tuesday, November 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Center. There is no fee; a light lunch will be provided for participants. Sign up at the Center.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions will depart from the Center at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 a.m.

Trivia Trip

Show off that fund of knowledge you've accumulated over the years when you ride the Senior Van to join other seniors at the Allen Park Senior Center for a friendly Trivia Match. There's no charge to participate in this just-for-fun competition; however, there is a transportation fee of \$1.50, and seniors will want to bring enough money to enjoy a stop for lunch on the way home. Sign up at the Center.

Boar's Head Festival

Romulus seniors have again been invited to attend the Grosse Ile Boar's Head Festival, an indoor pageant of holiday music and dance that's presented every four years by the island's churches. Over 700 residents participate in this colorful spectacle which highlights entertainment, feasting, and the simple beauty of the Christmas story. The cost for the trip, which will take place on December 13, is \$3; a stop for supper (at your own expense) will be included. This trip is already half full, so sign up right away if you're interested.

Annie

An evening of food and entertainment is planned for Friday, November 18, when the Center's van will stop for dinner before transporting seniors to see the Southgate Community Players' production of *Annie*. Besides a transportation fee of \$1.50, participants will need \$6 for the show ticket and money for their meal. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

November 15th's potluck dinner at the Center will follow a Thanksgiving theme. The Center's wonderful chefs will provide the turkey; guests will provide all the traditional fixin's. Bring a dish and bring a friend!

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

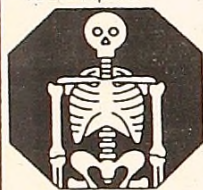
- **Wheeling, West Virginia** – Enjoy holiday entertainment and music when you travel to Wheeling, West Virginia, to see one of America's premier Christmas light shows. The cost of the two-day tour, which departs December 4, is \$129 per person (based on double-occupancy rates), and covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's lodgings, a city tour, and entertainment.

- **Gambling "Up North"** – This trip to the casinos of Sault Ste. Marie is a perfect winter getaway for seniors because hotel rooms, food, and entertainment are all under one roof! The \$119 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the two-day/one-night outing, which departs on January 26, includes round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, one night's lodging, \$20 in quarters, \$10 in blackjack chips, one pull tab, two free drinks, and a 10% discount at the restaurant. This trip is filling up fast; sign up now if you would like to attend. □

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Schools Recognize September "Students of the Month"

By Daniel Hurst, principal, Romulus Middle School

A total of 64 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students were recognized as Students of the Month by their respective teachers for excelling behaviorally and academically during the month of September. Those students who attended the brief ceremony in their honor on October 12 received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for their recent achievement: Melissa Angel, Steven Anzalone, Jamal Bailey (Athlete), Brandy Barron, Caleb Beasley, Tracy Blizman, Tomeka Boles, Christina Bouquenoy, Brad Bowman, Denise Chambers, Justin Chaney, Timothy Collins, Jessica Colman, Robert Coop, Dawn Curley, Kimberly Daniels, Rachel DeLeon, Nathan Devine, John Dimaggio, Shannon Dugan, David Dunmore, Tangie Garcia, Shannon Guarino, Amanda Harden, Jena Harris, Asia Hellum, Telisha Higgins, Jennifer Howard, Andrew Imielowski, Marcus Johnson, James Kenter, Matthew Ladach, Quan Lee, Emmenueel Lindsey, Glenn Longre, Allyson Lorenz, Stacey Luczak, Jenny Maitland, Sarah Mansfield, Jessica McCann, Jennifer McKinney, Mary Moore, Jennifer Nieman, Rebecca Oleszkowicz,

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Romulus IGA is now sponsoring the "Hometown Cash Program," a fund-raiser for local schools, clubs, churches, and other nonprofit, non-political groups. From now through April 30, 1995, participating organizations can collect store register tapes from group members and the community. Romulus IGA will then donate one percent of the total on collected register tapes to the collect-

ing organization. Dennis Swaney, store owner, says that the "Hometown Cash Program" is his way of helping nonprofit groups in the community and of thanking them for their patronage. He also said that it helps everyone share in the IGA Hometown Proud® feeling. For more details on the program, contact Dennis at 941-5450. Romulus IGA is located at 36521 Goddard Road. □



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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 10, 1994 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

Approval of Agenda:

10/94/3 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

10/94/4 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to approve the minutes of September 26, 1994 with the following correction: Motion 9/94/15 to reflect the vote as "Ayes: 6. Nays: 0." and to approve the minutes of October 3, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were none.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

10/94/5 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/94/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report of the Auditors

10/94/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and acknowledge receipt of the 1993-94 audit from the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction of Protective Wall for High School Air Conditioning and Electrical Panel

10/94/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration and Construction Manager to award a contract to R.J. Perry Carpentry, Inc. in the amount of \$28,257. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Proposed Trip - French Club

10/94/9 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve a school sponsored trip to France for the French Club during Easter break, 1995. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Act 18 Cash Flow Proposal

10/94/10 Moved by Patterson that action on the above be tabled. Motion failed for lack of support.

10/94/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Resolution to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency to enter into an agreement to pay for center program costs previously incurred. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Patterson). Motion carried.

Gifted/Talented Grant

10/94/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to approve the submission of a Gifted/Talented Grant proposal as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following items of interest were submitted to the Board of Education for their perusal: 1) "Thanks" - Wayne Krupin; 2) Livonia - MADD Letter; 3) Dolan "Thanks" - Bowersox/Bayes; 4) Church "Thanks" - J.H. Student Council; and 5) Policy Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Oleszkowicz asked if we were aware that a car rammed the Middle School and inquired if we had a backup phone system. Mr. Carr responded to her questions.

Dr. LeCesne stated that our Fourth Friday count was 3,871 students.

Mrs. Gondek reported that Bus #2, Halecreek Elementary School, was running twenty to thirty minutes late each day.

Mrs. Hoffman questioned the 7th hour at the Middle School.

Mrs. Langley asked about training (technology) for secondary teachers.

Executive Session:

10/94/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:24 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:04 P.M.

Adjournment:

10/94/14 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
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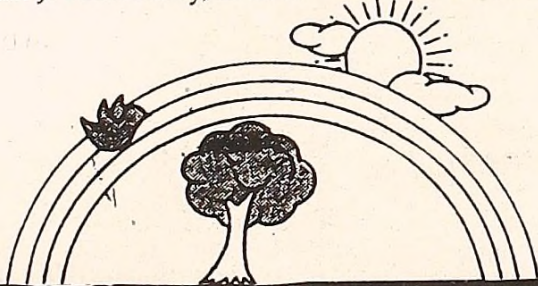
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Born in VanWert, Ohio, on October 22, 1910, Phoebe married Gilbert E. Ellis on April 2, 1928, in Hillsdale, Michigan, and worked as a homemaker.

She is survived by son, Gilbert E. Ellis (Huron Township, MI); daughters Mrs. Gerald (Lillian M.) Arquette (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Hattie Bernice Christman (Huron Township, MI); brother

Harold Barns (Belleville, MI); sisters Mrs. Glen (Vera Nanomia) Schimmel (Hudson, MI) and Mrs. Luella Burger (Belleville, MI); 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Her husband predeceased her on September 25, 1983.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend David A. Riggs officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Bonnie Jean (Dolencic) Kieft

Bonnie Jean (Dolencic) Kieft of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died on Saturday, October 22, 1994. She was 45 years old.

Bonnie, who was employed as a court administrator, was born in Garden City, Michigan, on March 25, 1949.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Dolencic; son Randall Kieft; daughter Michele Kieft; brother John Dolencic; sister Mrs. Ken (Carol) Clement; and Mr. Laird Kieft.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 27, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made in the form of either mass cards or donations to a foundation dedicated to the investigation and treatment of lupus.

Carlos Ponce

Sixty-one-year-old Carlos Ponce of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, October 22, 1994.

Carlos was born in Van Buren Township, Michigan, on April 17, 1933, and had been employed as an equipment operator.

He is survived by his mother, Winnifred Reynolds (Ann Arbor, MI); sons Carlos "Ricky" Ponce (Ann Arbor, MI) and Alfonso "Al" Ponce (Denver,

CO); daughter Kyla Coleman (Ann Arbor, MI); sister Marolyn Marquez (Romulus, MI); one grandchild; and two nieces.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 26, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Evelyn Hopewell (Parks Memorial AME Church) officiating. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery (Ann Arbor, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Sara Nicole Rohn

Sara Nicole Rohn of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Thursday, October 20, 1994. Born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on September 30, 1992, she was two years old at the time of her death.

Surviving Sara are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rohn; maternal grandmother Mrs. Mary E. Walz (Huron Township, MI); paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen (Ft. Myers, FL); maternal great-grandmother Mrs. Dorothy Walz (Livonia, MI); half-brother

Jeremy (Taylor, MI); and half-sisters Ashleigh (Taylor, MI) and Hether (Canton, MI).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 22, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal and Pastor Jack Wallace officiating. Burial was at Mallet Cemetery (Huron Township, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charity.

Joseph Sheko Jr.

Joseph Sheko Jr. of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, October 7, 1994, at the age of 67.

The former tool & die maker for Excella was born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 22, 1927.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Suzanne M. (Leineke) Sheko; son Joseph Sheko III (Garden City, MI); stepson Senior Airman Joseph Leineke (Shepard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX); daughters Ms. Maria Rose (Gar-

den City, MI), Miss Hedwig Sheiko (Garden City, MI), and Mrs. Ollie (Heidi) Schneyder; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Jerry J. Cupple officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. □

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